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## Happy We Will Beeeeeeee!!!

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My lovely singers doing one of their favorite acts.

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## Tomato Warning

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The kids are practicing drills for a "tomato warning" – gotta love storm season in Texas.

## Sweet Text Messages

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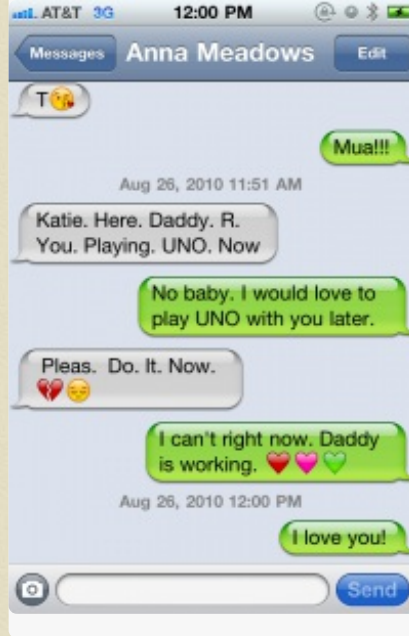
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My sweet Katie has learned how to send text messages to me through Mommy's iPhone. While not always well timed, they are truly the bright spots of my day. They never cease to bring a smile to my face and warm my heart. Just now, I received the following:

"Katie. Here. Daddy. R. You. Playing. UNO. Now"

(the iPhone puts a period at the end of a word after a couple of spacebar taps. It makes it easy to see when Katie is sending me messages – and that much cuter.)

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## Rocks and Sand

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“Rocks and Sand” by Stephen R. Covey

Here are some good words to remember and live by.

A philosophy professor stood before his class and had some items in front of him. When class began, wordlessly he picked up a large empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks, rocks about 2” in diameter.

He then asked the students if the jar was full? They agreed that it was. So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. The students laughed.

The professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled everything else. “Now,” said the professor, “I want you to recognize that this is your life.” “The rocks are the important things – your family, your partner, your health – anything that is so important to you that if were lost, you would be nearly destroyed. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else. The small stuff.”

“If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles, and the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your energy and time on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your wife out dancing. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and fix the disposal.”

“Take care of the rocks first – the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.”

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## Tiny Accomplishments Feel Good Too

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“Although he was outnumbered 3 to 1, our hero single-handedly outsmarted the tiny trio. In less than 20 minutes, all 3 were sound asleep and our hero emerged victorious from the scene. Tune in tomorrow and watch as our tiny mastermind trio

attempts to overthrow their local government and replace all their regular milk with chocolate!"

## Katie ...

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You're just so incredibly creative! You have such a wonderful imagination! You can pick trees off of an apple tree while taking clothes off of the hanging rack to fold! And match up husbands and wives who have been missing each other terribly while matching up socks 😊 ! And not to mention how cute you are while cleaning up toys with your iTunes music playing in your ears! 😊

Love, Mommy

## Jackie ...

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"I can do it all by myself!" time! 😊 ... Boy it's cute to see you getting ready for the day all by yourself! Oh, and the dresses you MUST wear! 😊

Love, Mommy

## Riley ...

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You're so cute when you purse your lips, hiding a smile while trying to ask something serious like ... "Can I have more candy please?" or when you get so upset you yell, cross your arms and immediately say "I go to timeout!" and all by yourself you go to sit under our Cross. 😊

Love, Mommy

## Too Much TV?

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The other night, Katie said, "Can I stay up past 8 / 7 Central?"

## Jackie says....

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"No, Daddy. It's not ka-jamas, it's pa-kajamas."

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